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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: